

COMPOSITIONS FOR ORAL DELIVERY
OF NUTRIENTS AND PHARMACEUTICALS

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention provides novel compositions and methods for
protecting and promoting cell growth and restoring physiological structure and
function to mucosal tissue of the body, especially mucosa in the gastrointestinal
tract. The composition can be used as a pharmaceutical or nutraceutical to treat a
gastrointestinal disorder or to promote general health of an animal, preferably a
10 human. The composition is in an oral dosage form and comprises edible oil
homogenized with a sterol compound at a concentration of at least 0.5% by weight
and edible wax at a concentration ranging from 3 % to 30% by weight. The
composition can also be used to deliver other active ingredients to the
gastrointestinal tract for treating various diseases.